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## FORM OF BEQUEST.

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I give to The Trustees of Public Reservations, created by chapter 352 of the Acts of the Legislature of Massachusetts for the year 1891, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_dollars.

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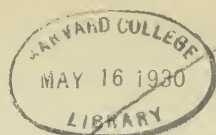
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Societies and individuals interested in Massachusetts history, natural history, scenery, and town and country improvement, are invited to contribute to the working funds of this Board. The treasurer is John S. Ames, Ames Building, Boston. The secretary is Henry M. Channing, 18 Tremont Street, Boston, Mass.

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## THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS

### 1891-1927

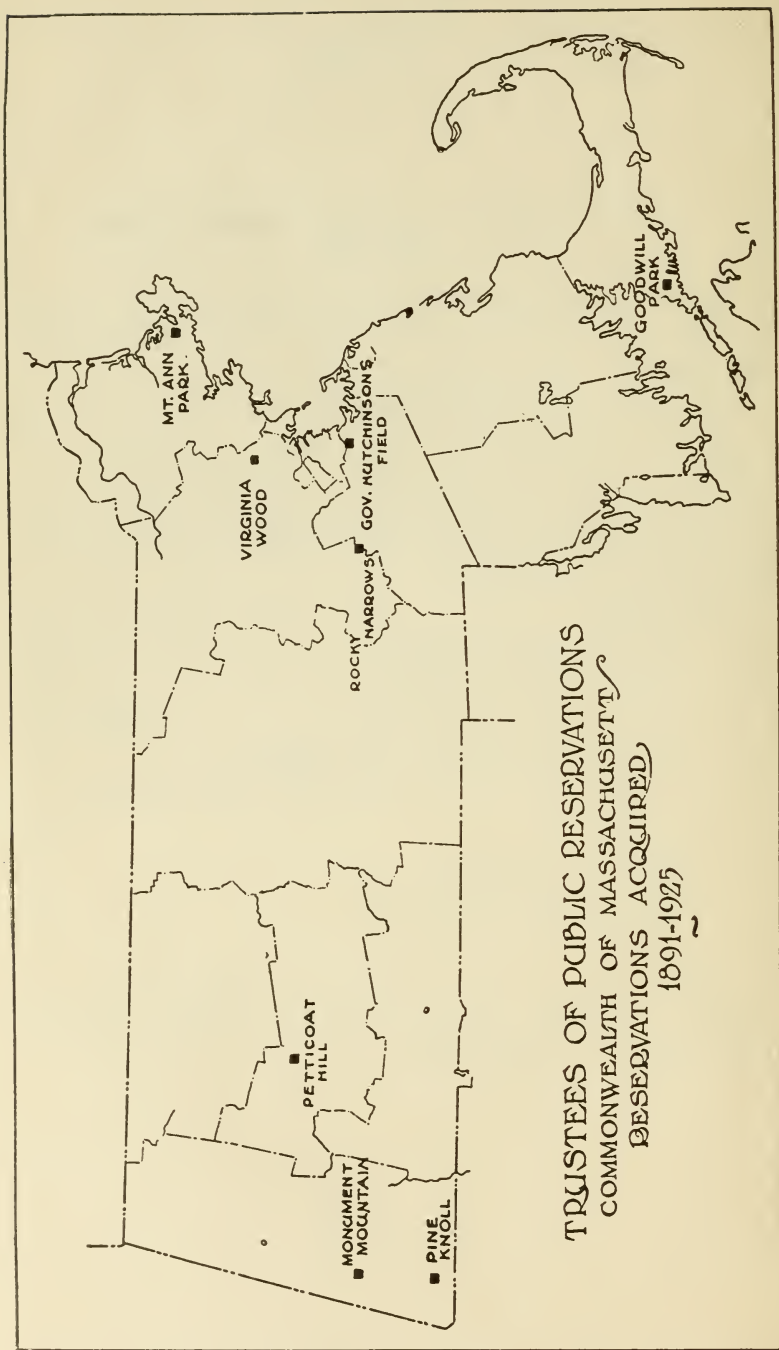
*Purpose.* — To save and maintain the beautiful and historic places of this State for the enjoyment and education of future generations.

*Authority.* — Established by chapter 352, Acts of 1891, with authority to acquire land by gift, devise, or purchase, and to hold such lands open to the public and free of taxation. The Corporation may receive funds for the care of land and for general purposes up to one million dollars. (A copy of the act will be found on page 17.)

#### *Reservations.*

	Acres.
Goodwill Park, Falmouth . . . . .	146 $\frac{1}{2}$
Rocky Narrows, Sherborn . . . . .	21
Mount Ann Park, Gloucester . . . . .	about 72
Governor Hutchinson's Field, Milton . . . . .	10
Monument Mountain Reservation, Great Barrington . . . . .	260
Pine Knoll, Sheffield . . . . .	6
Petticoat Hill, Williamsburg . . . . .	60
Virginia Wood, Stoneham . . . . .	20

*Administration.* — The reservations are administered by the Standing Committee through Local Committees, custodians, local agents or administrators.



TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
RESERVATIONS ACQUIRED,  
1891-1925

# THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF

## THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

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The Standing Committee of The Trustees of Public Reservations submits herewith its thirty-seventh Annual Report.

### **Open Spaces Committee.**

The last Annual Report of the Standing Committee referred to the organization of the "Committee on Open Spaces" in 1925, and the map which was developed by this Committee was included in the thirty-sixth report of the Trustees.

This "Open Spaces" map has aroused keen interest: many copies have been sought by individuals and organizations throughout the Commonwealth, and by some of the public agencies of neighboring States.

Another important and tangible result of the work of the "Committee on Open Spaces," and of the map, has been the appointment by His Excellency Governor Fuller of a "Committee on Needs and Uses of Open Spaces." Our Trustees are represented on this Committee by Mr. Charles S. Bird, Jr. (the Chairman), and by our Secretary. This Committee aims to work out a comprehensive plan and co-ordinated policy for the development and use of open spaces which will satisfy our present and future public needs. Our Corporation is requested to aid this Committee by suggestion and advice.

### **Bryant Homestead.**

The Corporation now has the opportunity to acquire the William Cullen Bryant Homestead at Cumington. In this town Bryant was born and brought up, and here he wrote, perhaps, his greatest poems. In the homestead he lived much in his later years as well as in his boyhood.

His granddaughter, Mrs. Minna Godwin Goddard, has devised the property to the Trustees, with an endowment of



\$10,000. There is also a bequest of \$10,000, under the will of Miss Julia Sands Bryant, which will come to the Corporation upon the death of a life beneficiary, Miss Anna R. Fairchild.

The Standing Committee has under consideration the question of the acceptance of this gift. The Chairman and Secretary have inspected the property; the executors of and trustees under the will of Mrs. Goddard, and her near relatives, have been interviewed.

Through the generosity of one of our members, Mr. Olmsted, we have been enabled to employ an architect who has made sketch plans of the house, taken photographs, and made a comprehensive report.

As our Corporation is not organized, at present, to care for buildings or memorabilia the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities has been consulted and has formed a Committee to advise with your Standing Committee.

Further negotiations and consideration will be required before a conclusion can be reached.



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**Charles Sprague Sargent**

1841 – 1927

Member of Standing Committee and Life Associate of  
The Trustees of Public Reservations

1891 – 1927

**MINUTE ADOPTED BY STANDING COMMITTEE.**

Charles Sprague Sargent, who died at his place, "Holm Lea," in Brookline, on March 20, 1927, was one of the incorporators of The Trustees of Public Reservations, and became at once a member of the Standing Committee, and held the office until his death.

His personality and individuality were so strongly marked that those who had acquaintance with him can never forget his characteristics.

For those who never knew him his personality has been preserved in the admirable portrait of him made by his cousin, the distinguished artist, John Singer Sargent.

But for all persons, and for the future, his great learning, his industry, his foresight, his judgment, his intense love of the beautiful in nature — which in combination rendered him a man of genius — have their lasting monument in that wonderland of beauty and usefulness, the Arnold Arboretum, which was practically his creation.

E. H. Wilson, in his book, "America's Greatest Garden," says of the Arboretum:

It was ever a bit of New England, but its conversion into a wonderful garden has been the life-work of its Director, Professor Charles S. Sargent.

Professor Sargent brought to the Standing Committee a mind well stored with useful knowledge, a broad vision, tenacity of purpose, courage and common sense.

His advice was always eagerly sought and his opinions very highly regarded.

He rarely missed a meeting until his failing health made it impracticable for him to go far from his own home.

He is now, and will for long, be greatly missed as a colleague and friend, and the Committee make this note of their great esteem and respect for the man and his accomplishments.

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**REPORT AS TO RESERVATIONS.**

*Goodwill Park, Falmouth.* — The trees that were set out have made a wonderful growth. Some of them are two feet high. There were several thousand more set out last year. The roads and the picnic ground were kept in good condition last year, and the road has been made wider. There have been about two acres cleared up, taking out the wild cherry and unsightly brush and bushes. A good many of the dead trees have been removed.

*Petticoat Hill, Williamsburg.* — The Chairman of your Standing Committee and the Secretary visited the Hill in the fall, and various suggestions to the custodian for the improvement of the property were made.

Owing to the wet weather during the summer there were fewer visitors at the Park. The brush on top of the Hill has been cut to improve the view, and the further cutting out will be done during the winter, when there is snow to pull out the logs on.

*Pine Knoll, Sheffield.* — The Pine Knoll has been cleaned up, the grass cut, and the walks cleaned out as usual. The seats are in need of some repairs and painting, and the fence around will require attention in the spring. A sign will be put on Main Street directing people to the Knoll.

*Governor Hutchinson's Field, Milton.* — Governor Hutchinson's Field seems to be pretty free from injurious insects, but the elms along the street were sprayed, as so many of the insect pests seem to prefer elms. The weedy tree growth near the foot of the slope is receiving attention, the wild cherry and aspen shoots being cut over and the better trees given a chance to develop. During the winter several large dead trees, also at the foot of the slope, must be cut out.

The grass on the upper part of this reservation was by a misunderstanding left until later, but has now been cut, and no harm has come from the delay.

*Monument Mountain, Great Barrington.* — Members of the Committee have gone to considerable pains to remove names painted on some of the prominent ledges. This work of

vandalism was referred to in our last report. Everything is now in a satisfactory condition.

*Rocky Narrows, Sherborn.* — This reservation seems to have been treated during the past year with more consideration than usual from the public, although put to considerable use by canoeists.

The disposition of brush and débris resulting from the forestry operations last year will be attended to when there has been a sufficient fall of snow.

*Virginia Wood, Stoneham.* — The Virginia Wood section of the Middlesex Fells Reservation is in excellent condition. The sprout growth has been kept removed, careful pruning has been done, and all suppressed trees have been pruned. The Wood contains some of the best trees — beech, hemlock, pine and oak — to be seen in New England.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES S. RACKEMANN, *Chairman,*  
NATHANIEL T. KIDDER,  
HERBERT PARKER,  
CHARLES W. ELIOT, *2nd,*  
JOHN S. AMES, *Treasurer,*  
HENRY M. CHANNING, *Secretary,*  
*Standing Committee.*

JANUARY 25, 1928.

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER**

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1927.

SECURITIES HELD BY THE TREASURER OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC  
RESERVATIONS.*For Monument Mountain Reservation.*

- \$2,000 Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham R.R. 4s.
- \$5,000 Seattle-Everett Electric Co. 5s.
- \$1,000 Electrical Securities Corporation 5s (10th series).

*For General Purpose Fund.*

- \$5,000 New York, New Haven & Hartford R.R. Debentures 4s.
- \$1,000 Electrical Securities Corporation 5s (10th series).
- \$500 Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham R.R. Inc. 5s.
- \$4,000 Chicago Junction Rys. & Union Stock Yards Co. 5s.
- \$5,000 New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. 5s.
- \$2,000 Western Electric Co. 5s.
- \$2,000 American Telephone and Telegraph Co. Conv. 4s.
- \$1,000 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s.
- \$3,000 Yadkin River Power Co. 5s.
- \$3,000 Portland Gas and Coke Co. 1st & Ref. 5s.
- \$5,000 Consumers Power Co. 1st & Ref. 5s.
- \$3,000 San Joaquin Light and Power Co. 5s.
- \$11,000 Columbus Railway Power and Light Co. 4½s.
- \$2,000 Philadelphia Suburban Water Co. 4½s.

*For Pine Knoll Reservation.*

- \$1,000 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s.

*For Mount Ann Park.*

- \$1,000 American Telephone and Telegraph Co. Coll. Trust 4s.

*For Petticoat Hill.*

- \$1,000 American Telephone and Telegraph Co. Coll. Trust 4s.

## GENERAL PURPOSE FUND.

Balance January 1, 1927 . . . . .	\$3,340 30	
Coupons on securities held for this fund . . . . .	2,305 00	
Interest on bank account . . . . .	132 28	
San Joaquin Light and Power Co. 6s, \$3,000 bonds called @ 105 . . . . .	3,150 00	
Corning Glass Works 5½s, \$10,000 bonds called at 105 . .	10,500 00	
United Electric Securities Co. Coll. Tr. 5s, \$2,000 bonds called @ 103 . . . . .	2,060 00	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 25 maps of Open Spaces	8 75	

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 \$21,496 33

San Joaquin Light and Power Co. 5s, \$3,000 bonds . . . . .	\$2,955 00	
Columbus Ry. Power and Light Co. 4½s, \$11,000 bonds . . . . .	10,505 00	
Philadelphia Suburban Water Co. 4½s, \$2,000 bonds . . . . .	1,940 00	
Accrued interest on bonds purchased . . . . .	233 75	
Union Safe Deposit Vaults for rent of safe in vault . . . . .	15 00	
Charles W. Eliot, 2nd, services and secre- tarial expenses . . . . .	47 29	
Wright & Potter Printing Co., printing postal cards . . . . .	4 95	
Wright & Potter Printing Co., printing thirty- sixth Annual Report . . . . .	139 30	
Wright & Potter Printing Co., envelopes, folding maps, mailing, etc. . . . .	36 41	
Wright & Potter Printing Co., rules and regu- lation posters . . . . .	15 00	
Postage on Returns to Assessors . . . . .	1 40	
The Heliotype Co. share in expense of print- ing Open Spaces maps . . . . .	500 00	
Committee on Needs and Uses of Open Spaces, maps of Open Spaces . . . . .	35 00	16,428 10
January 1, 1928, to balance . . . . .	\$5,068 23	

## GOVERNOR HUTCHINSON'S FIELD.

January 1, 1927, to balance . . . . .	\$534 40	
Paid town of Milton for spraying . . . . .	\$6 00	
Paid Michael Gibbons for trimming, cutting and raking grass . . . . .	46 00	52 00
January 1, 1928, to balance . . . . .	\$482 40	

## MOUNT ANN PARK.

January 1, 1927, to balance . . . . .	\$938 94
Coupons on \$1,000 American Telephone and Telegraph Co. 4s . . . . .	40 00
Refund of overcharge on mounting blueprints in 1927 . . . . .	50
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	\$979 44
Paid Rackemann, Sawyer & Brewster for recording deeds . . . . .	4 20
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January 1, 1928, to balance . . . . .	\$975 23

## PINE KNOLL.

January 1, 1927, to balance . . . . .	\$35 00
Coupons on \$1,000 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s . . . . .	35 00
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	\$70 00
Paid W. D. French for labor, paint and services as custodian for year 1926 . . . . .	\$34 67
Paid W. D. French for labor and services as custo- dian for year 1927 . . . . .	24 50
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	59 17
January 1, 1928, to balance . . . . .	\$10 83

## PETTICOAT HILL.

January 1, 1927, to balance . . . . .	\$520 99
Coupons on \$1,000 American Telephone and Telegraph Co. 4s . . . . .	40 00
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	\$560 99
Paid George A. Thresher for care, year 1926, less credits . . . . .	18 52
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January 1, 1928, to balance . . . . .	\$542 47

## GOODWILL PARK.

January 1, 1927, to balance . . . . .	\$0 41
Paid Algonquin Engraving Co. for line cut of Park . . . . .	\$4 00
Paid Rackemann, Sawyer & Brewster for examin- ing title and recording deeds . . . . .	30 35
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	34 35
January 1, 1928, Deficit . . . . .	\$33 94

## MONUMENT MOUNTAIN RESERVATION.

Coupons on securities held for this account . . . . .	\$380 00
Paid Treasurer, Laurel Hill Association, income for the year . . . . .	380 00
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## ROCKY NARROWS RESERVATION.

No income.

No balance.

## TRIAL BALANCE.

DR.		CR.	
Cash . . . . .	\$7,045 22	General Purpose Fund	\$5,068 23
Goodwill Park . . . . .	33 94	Governor Hutchinson's	
		Field . . . . .	482 40
		Mount Ann Park . . . . .	975 23
		Petticoat Hill . . . . .	542 47
		Pine Knoll . . . . .	10 83
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	\$7,079 16		\$7,079 16

JOHN S. AMES,  
*Treasurer.*

## LAUREL HILL ASSOCIATION, STOCKBRIDGE, MASS.

## MONUMENT MOUNTAIN RESERVATION.

Balance on hand January 1, 1927 . . . . .	\$988 08
Received from Trustees of Public Reservations:	
May 1 . . . . .	190 00
October 12 . . . . .	190 00
Credit check not returned of October 7, 1924, W. S. Peck,	
expenditures . . . . .	6 80
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	\$1,374 88
Wreath to Dr. Gilman Thompson, Chairman of Monument Mountain Committee . . . . .	15 00
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Balance on hand January 1, 1928 . . . . .	\$1,359 88

JOSEPH FRANZ, *Treasurer,*  
*Laurel Hill Association.*

The undersigned has examined the accounts and vouchers of The Trustees of Public Reservations for the year ending December 31, 1927, and finds them correctly cast and properly vouched. The securities called for by the foregoing account were exhibited.

WILLIAM C. ENDICOTT,  
*Committee on Audit.*



## OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION.

1928.

GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, *President*, Milton.  
 HENRY P. WALCOTT, *Vice-President*, Cambridge.

## STANDING COMMITTEE.

CHARLES S. RACKEMANN, *Chairman*, Milton.  
 CHARLES S. BIRD, Jr., 50 Congress Street, Boston.  
 NATHANIEL T. KIDDER, Milton.  
 HERBERT PARKER, Lancaster.  
 CHARLES W. ELIOT 2nd, Cambridge.  
 JOHN S. AMES, *Treasurer*, Ames Building, Boston.  
 HENRY M. CHANNING, *Secretary*, 18 Tremont Street, Boston.

OAKES AMES, North Easton.  
 OLIVER AMES, Boston.  
 FRANCIS H. APPLETON, Boston.  
 W. A. L. BAZELEY, Boston.  
 CHARLES S. BIRD, Jr., Walpole.  
 GEORGE W. CHASE, Arlington.  
 CHARLES A. COOLIDGE, Boston.  
 Z. MARSHALL CRANE, Dalton.  
 ERNEST B. DANE, Brookline.  
 GEORGE B. DORR, Boston.  
 WALTER P. EATON, Sheffield.  
 WILLIAM ELLERY, Brookline.  
 WILLIAM C. ENDICOTT, Danvers.  
 EDWARD W. FORBES, Cambridge.  
 CHARLES H. W. FOSTER, Brookline.  
 JAMES GARFIELD, Williamstown.  
 W. ROGER GREELEY, Lexington.  
 SIDNEY F. HASKELL, Gloucester.  
 AUGUSTUS HEMENWAY, Canton.  
 AUGUSTUS HEMENWAY, Jr., Canton.  
 HENRY S. HUNNEWELL, Wellesley.  
 A. LAWRENCE LOWELL, Cambridge.  
 AUGUSTUS P. LORING, Jr., Beverly.  
 ARTHUR LYMAN, Waltham.  
 JOHN W. MASON, Northampton.  
 HENRY MCBURNEY, Stockbridge.

ROBERT O. MORRIS, Springfield.  
 WILLIAM A. NIELSON, Northampton.  
 FRED'K L. OLNSTED, Brookline.  
 FRANCIS PARKMAN, Cambridge.  
 DUDLEY L. PICKMAN, Beverly.  
 CHARLES S. PIERCE, Milton.  
 ROGER PIERCE, Milton.  
 JAMES S. PRAY, Cambridge.  
 OLIVER PRESCOTT, New Bedford.  
 HENRY H. RICHARDSON, Brookline.  
 ALEXANDER SEDGWICK, Stockbridge.  
 HARVEY N. SHEPARD, Boston.  
 ARTHUR A. SHURTLEFF, Boston.  
 PHILIP L. SPALDING, Milton.  
 WILLIAM H. SPERRY, North Adams.  
 CHARLES A. STONE, Plymouth.  
 JOHN E. THAYER, Lancaster.  
 ALLEN T. TREADWAY, Stockbridge.  
 GEORGE H. TUCKER, Pittsfield.  
 ROBERT WALCOTT, Cambridge.  
 BENTLEY W. WARREN, Williamstown.  
 FRANK A. WAUGH, Amherst.  
 JOHN WOODBURY, Canton.  
 BRADFORD WILLIAMS, Wellesley.  
 FRANK H. WRIGHT, Great Barrington.  
 B. LORING YOUNG, Weston.

## FOUNDERS.

\*Miss HELEN C. BUTLER, New York.  
 Miss ELLEN CHASE, Brookline.  
 \*Mrs. MARY A. CUNNINGHAM, Milton.  
 \*ARTHUR F. ESTABROOK, Boston.  
 \*HENRY H. FAY, Falmouth.  
 \*JOSEPH STORY FAY, Falmouth.  
 Miss SARAH B. FAY, Falmouth.  
 \*JOHN M. FORBES, Milton.  
 \*Mrs. JOHN M. FORBES, Milton.  
 Mrs. EDITH E. FORBES, Milton.  
 EDWARD W. FORBES, Cambridge.  
 \*J. MALCOLM FORBES, Milton.  
 \*JOSEPH S. GLOVER, Boston.

AUGUSTUS HEMENWAY, Canton.  
 \*WILLIAM MINOT, Boston.  
 \*CHARLES SEDGWICK MINOT, Milton.  
 \*ROBERT SEDGWICK MINOT, Manchester.  
 \*LAURENCE MINOT, Boston.  
 Mrs. MARTHA W. NASH, Boston.  
 \*HENRY PICKERING, Boston.  
 \*GEORGE R. R. RIVERS, Milton.  
 \*Miss MARY RIVERS, Milton.  
 \*Mrs. FANNY FOSTER TUDOR, Boston.  
 \*Mrs. K. G. T. WEBSTER, Cambridge.  
 GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, Milton.

## LIFE ASSOCIATES.

JOSEPH BREWER, Milton.  
 EDWARD M. BREWER, Milton.  
 Miss BREWER, Milton.  
 JOHN C. COBB, Milton.  
 Miss C. H. CABOT, Brookline.  
 Miss HESTER CUNNINGHAM, Milton.  
 Mrs. WARNER DENTON, New York.  
 W. E. C. EUSTIS, Milton.  
 Mrs. ROSE D. FORBES, Milton.  
 J. MURRAY FORBES, Milton.  
 W. CAMERON FORBES, Westwood.

RALPH E. FORBES, Milton.  
 H. C. GALLAGHER, Milton.  
 Miss M. C. JACKSON, Boston.  
 Miss HELEN L. JAQUES, Milton.  
 Miss AMELIA H. JONES, New Bedford.  
 NATHANIEL T. KIDDER, Milton.  
 WILLIAM C. LORING, Boston.  
 JOHN T. MORSE, Jr., Boston.  
 CHARLES S. RACKEMANN, Milton.  
 JAMES SAVAGE RUSSELL, Milton.  
 JOHN E. THAYER, South Lancaster.

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\* Deceased.

### OFFICERS, 1891-1927.

#### President.

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GEORGE F. HOAR . . . . .	1891-1904
CHARLES W. ELIOT . . . . .	1905-1926
GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH . . . . .	1926-1927

#### Vice-President.

WILLIAM S. SHURTLEFF . . . . .	1891-1895
GEORGE SHELDON . . . . .	1896-1916
JOHN S. AMES . . . . .	1917-1920
GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH . . . . .	1922-1926
HENRY P. WALCOTT . . . . .	1926-1927

#### Chairman of the Standing Committee.

PHILIP A. CHASE . . . . .	1891-1893
CHARLES ELIOT . . . . .	1894-1897
PHILIP A. CHASE . . . . .	1897-1903
HENRY P. WALCOTT . . . . .	1903-1926
CHARLES S. RACKEMANN . . . . .	1926-1927

#### Treasurer.

GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH . . . . .	1891-1920
JOHN S. AMES . . . . .	1921-1927

#### Secretary.

CHARLES ELIOT . . . . .	1891-1893
HENRY R. SHAW . . . . .	1894
JOHN WOODBURY . . . . .	1894-1924
CHARLES W. ELIOT 2nd . . . . .	1925-1926
HENRY M. CHANNING . . . . .	1926-1927

### LANDS HELD BY THE TRUSTEES, DECEMBER 31, 1927.

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	ACRES.
Goodwill Park . . . . .	146½
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**ACT OF INCORPORATION.**

## CHAPTER 352, ACTS OF 1891.

## AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

SECTION 1. Frederick L. Ames, Philip A. Chase, Christopher Clark, Charles R. Codman, Elisha S. Converse, George F. Hoar, John J. Russell, Leverett Saltonstall, Charles S. Sargent, Nathaniel S. Shaler, George Sheldon, William S. Shurtleff, George H. Tucker, Francis A. Walker, George Wigglesworth, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of The Trustees of Public Reservations, for the purpose of acquiring, holding, arranging, maintaining, and opening to the public, under suitable regulations, beautiful and historical places and tracts of land within this Commonwealth, with the powers and privileges and subject to the duties set forth in chapter one hundred and fifteen of the Public Statutes and in such other general laws as now are or hereafter may be in force relating to such corporations; but said corporation shall have no capital stock.

SECTION 2. Said corporation may acquire and hold by grant, gift, devise, purchase, or otherwise, real estate, such as it may deem worthy of preservation for the enjoyment of the public, but not exceeding one million dollars in value, and such other property, both real and personal, as may be necessary or proper to support or promote the objects of the corporation, but not exceeding in the aggregate the further sum of one million dollars.

SECTION 3. All personal property held by said corporation, and all lands which it may cause to be opened and kept open to the public, and all lands which it may acquire and hold with this object in view, shall be exempt from taxation in the same manner and to the same extent as the property of literary, benevolent, charitable, and scientific institutions incorporated within this Commonwealth is now exempt by law; but no lands so acquired and held and not open to the public shall be so exempt from taxation for a longer period than two years. Said corporation shall never make any division or dividend of or from its property or income among its members.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

**BY-LAWS OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC  
RESERVATIONS.**

**A R T I C L E   I .**

**O F   M E M B E R S .**

The members of the corporation shall be residents of Massachusetts and their number shall not exceed one hundred.

The Standing Committee may, if it sees fit, nominate persons to membership by inserting the names of candidates upon the notice of warning of any meeting. The election shall take place at any meeting subsequent to such notice, and shall be by ballot upon the names proposed by the Standing Committee; and any person who receives the votes of two-thirds of the members present and voting shall, on his acceptance in writing of his election, be declared and enrolled a member of the corporation. Membership may be terminated by written notice, signed by the member and delivered to the Secretary or other officer of the corporation.

**A R T I C L E   I I .**

**O F   F O U N D E R S ,   L I F E   A S S O C I A T E S   A N D   C O N T R I B U T O R S .**

All persons from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one thousand dollars or more shall be permanently enrolled as Founders.

All persons not entitled to be enrolled as Founders, from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one hundred dollars or more, shall be enrolled during life as Life Associates.

All persons, societies or corporations not entitled to be enrolled as Founders or Life Associates, from whom the corporation shall receive one or more dollars, shall be enrolled as contributors for the year in which payment of such sum is made.

## ARTICLE III.

## OF MEETINGS.

1. The annual meeting of the corporation shall be held on the last Wednesday in January, in Boston, or at such other city or town in the Commonwealth, and at such time and place, as the Standing Committee may determine. A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of not less than seven members, but a majority of the members present and voting may adjourn any meeting from time to time until the business shall have been finished.

In the event of the annual meeting, by mistake or otherwise, not being called and held as herein prescribed, the Standing Committee shall order a special meeting to be called and held in lieu of and for the purposes of the annual meeting.

Special meetings of the corporation may be called by the Standing Committee to meet at any time and place. A quorum at a special meeting shall consist of not less than seven members.

2. At all meetings the President shall take the chair as soon as a quorum is present; and the record of the preceding meeting shall then be read, unless such reading is dispensed with by the unanimous consent of those present. After which at all special meetings the business for which the meeting was called shall be transacted, and at the annual meeting the order of business shall be as follows:—

*First.*—The unfinished business and the assignments of the last meeting shall be announced by the Secretary to the President and taken up in order.

*Second.*—The Secretary shall be called on to submit a written report of the doings of the Standing Committee for the year ending with the previous 31st of December.

*Third.*—The Treasurer shall be called upon to submit a written report of his doings for the year ending with the previous 31st of December, and the financial condition of the corporation of that date.

*Fourth.*—The Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts shall be called on for a report.

*Fifth.*—Any special committee which may have been appointed during the year shall be called on to report.



*Sixth.* — If the Standing Committee shall have proposed changes in the By-laws, the same shall be voted upon as provided in Article VII.

*Seventh.* — If the Standing Committee shall have made any nominations to membership in the corporation, an election shall be held as provided in Article I.

*Eighth.* — An election of officers for the ensuing year shall be held, as provided in Article IV, Section 1.

*Ninth.* — On the announcement of the vote the newly elected President shall take the chair, and shall give the members present an opportunity to present new business.

*Tenth.* — The newly elected President shall appoint a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

## ARTICLE IV.

### OF OFFICERS.

1. The officers of the corporation shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be *ex-officiis* members of the Standing Committee, which shall consist of seven persons in all. The officers and the Standing Committee shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting of the corporation, an adjournment thereof, or at a meeting in lieu of such annual meeting, as above provided; and they shall hold their offices for one year, or until others are duly chosen and qualified in their stead. Any vacancy occurring in any of the above offices from death, resignation or inability, shall be filled by the Standing Committee at their next regular meeting or at a special meeting to be called for the purpose before such regular meeting.

2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the corporation. If he is absent, the Vice-President, and, if the Vice-President is also absent, a President *pro tempore*, chosen by hand vote of the members of the corporation present, shall preside, and shall have all the powers and perform all the duties of the President.

3. The Secretary shall warn the members of all meetings of the corporation, according as he may be directed by votes of the Standing Committee. He shall call the meetings of the Standing Committee as he may be directed by the chairman of the committee or on the request in writing of any two members thereof. He shall carry on all the correspondence



of the corporation not otherwise provided for, and shall, when the correspondence is of importance, preserve copies of the letters sent and the original letters received, for transmission with his records to his successor in office. He shall keep an exact record of all meetings of the corporation and of the Standing Committee, with the names of the members present, entering in full all reports of committees, which may be accepted, by either body, unless otherwise directed.

At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of the doings of that body for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if the report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

4. The Treasurer shall, when directed, as provided in the next paragraph, make disbursements; and he shall also collect all moneys due to the corporation, and shall keep regular and faithful account of all the moneys and funds of the corporation which shall come into his hands and of all receipts and expenditures connected with the same, which accounts shall always be open to the inspection of members of the corporation. He shall make no investments and pay no moneys without either the approval of a majority of the Standing Committee or else of such officer or committee as said Standing Committee shall appoint to act for it in these matters. At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of his doings for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if his report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

## ARTICLE V.

### OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee shall, at the first meeting after the annual meeting of the corporation in each year, elect a chairman, whose duty it shall be to preside at all meetings of the committee. In his absence a chairman *pro tempore* may be chosen by hand vote. The Standing Committee shall meet at least once in every month, and a quorum shall consist of not less than three members. The Standing Committee may nominate or refuse to nominate new members of the corporation, may accept or decline gifts offered to the corporation, may approve or disapprove investments or expenditures pro-

posed by the Treasurer, may approve or disapprove all bills against the corporation, may appoint subcommittees of their number, may appoint and remove agents, may engage whatever assistance is needed to administer the affairs of the corporation, may designate such agents and employees by such titles as they may deem proper, and, in general, may exercise all the executive powers of the corporation.

## ARTICLE VI.

### OF THE SEAL.

The corporate seal shall be a circular, flat-faced die of about an inch and a half in diameter, with the name of the corporation, the year of its organization, the word "Massachusetts" and the figure of a pine tree so engraved on its face that it can be embossed on paper by pressure.

## ARTICLE VII.

### OF AMENDMENTS.

At any annual meeting of the corporation, or at a special meeting called for the purpose, these By-laws may be amended, altered or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided that notice of such proposed change shall have been given in the call of the meeting.







